
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP
A PLAN TO ACQUIRE THE DAM AND SPILLWAY OF LAKE WILSON FOR
HYDROELECTRICITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Wahiawa Dam and Reservoir, now known as Lake
2 Wilson, was built by the Waialua Agricultural Company in 1903;
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5 WHEREAS, the dam has created a seven-mile-long reservoir
6 that takes advantage of the natural stream beds and canyons
7 located in the Kaukonahua Gulch; and
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9 WHEREAS, Lake Wilson has a current capacity of 2.5 billion
10 gallons; and
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12 WHEREAS, pumped-storage hydroelectricity is a type of
13 hydroelectric energy storage used by electric power systems for
14 load balancing; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation is a
17 state agency established in 1994 and controls and manages
18 various large tracts of agricultural land and water projects in
19 the State of Hawaii; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation is
22 currently working with Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative to
23 complete a pumped hydroenergy storage project in Kekaha; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Lake Wilson dam also has the potential to mass
26 produce hydroelectric energy; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Agribusiness
31 Development Corporation is encouraged to develop a plan to



1 acquire the dam and spillway of Lake Wilson and to develop a
2 plan to install pumped-storage hydroelectricity; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any electricity and revenue
5 generated from pumped-storage hydroelectricity be used primarily
6 to support agriculture or agriculture programs; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
10 of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

